

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN NURSING**
239 Causeway Street, Room 417A
Boston, MA 02114

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 8, 2014

Board Members Present

K. Gehly, CNP, Vice Chair
M. Beal, CNM
P. Gales, RN
J. Killion, LPN
B. Levin, RN
A. Peckham, RN
E. Richard Rothmund, Public Member
S. Taylor, RN
C. Tebaldi, CNP
C. Urena, LPN

Board Members Not Present

S. Kelly, CNP, Chair
A. Alley, RN
C. Simonian, PharmD, RPh

Board Staff Present

R. Harb, RN, Executive Director
K. Ashe, RN, Nursing Education Coordinator
O. Atueyi, JD, Board Counsel
H. Cambra, RN, JD, Complaint Resolution Coordinator
D. M. DeVaux, RN, SARP Coordinator
A. Fein, RN, JD, Complaint Resolution Coordinator
K. Keenan, Licensing Coordinator
V. Iyawe, RN, SARP Coordinator
C. Robertson, RN, Deputy Executive Director
C. Silveira, RN, Assistant Director
M. Strachan, JD, Board Counsel
L. Talarico, CNP, Nursing Practice Coordinator
S. Varghese, RN, Nursing Education Coordinator

Board Staff Not Present

K. Fishman, Probation Monitor
S. Sherman, RN, MPRS Coordinator
T. Westgate, Paralegal

Guests

See attached list.

TOPIC:

Call to Order & Determination of Quorum

DISCUSSION:

A quorum of the Board was present.

ACTION:

At 9:05 a.m., K. Gehly, Vice Chairperson, called the October 8, 2014, Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting to order and informed Board members that starting today and going forward all Board meetings will be recorded.

TOPIC:

Approval of Agenda

DISCUSSION:

A. Fein noted a spelling error in Item VI A, the licensees name is R. Coan

ACTION:

Motion by B. Levin, seconded by P. Gales, and unanimously passed to approve the agenda as presented.

TOPIC:

Approval of Board Minutes for the September 10, 2014 Meeting of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

DISCUSSION:

S. Taylor requested that the minutes reflect that she noted that the Quarter 2, 2014 NCLEX Performance Trends Table should correctly reflect 100% pass rate, not 0%, for MA Diploma Programs YTD.

ACTION:

Motion by E. R Rothmund, seconded by B. Levin, and unanimously passed to accept the Minutes of the September 10, 2014, Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting.

TOPIC:

Reports

A. Executive Director's Report

B. Staff Report

1. Deputy Executive Director
2. Policy and Research
3. Practice
4. Education
5. Complaint Resolution
6. SARP
7. Probation Monitor

DISCUSSION:

A. Executive Director's Report: Members reviewed R. Harb's previously distributed memo.

B. Staff Reports:

1. Members reviewed C. Robertson's previously distributed memo. Ms. Robertson announced her retirement from the Deputy Executive Director position effective November 7, 2014. Ms. K. Gehly extended the Nursing Board's appreciation for Ms. Robertson's commitment and contributions to the mission of the Board.
2. Members reviewed C. Silveira's previously distributed memo. Ms. Silveira noted that 23,000 patients were included in the systematic review and meta analysis of 18 studies on the effectiveness of Registered Nurses in managing chronic conditions reported in the 7/15/14

issue of the *Annals of Internal Medicine* and that all studies required the Registered Nurse to titrate medications using protocols.

3. Members reviewed L. Talarico's previously distributed memo. Ms. Talarico noted in her report a response to an inquiry recently received by Board staff questioning whether or not evaluating a "P" wave in an ECG reading to determine PICC line tip placement would be considered to be within the scope of Nursing Practice. Ms. Talarico highlighted to members that, by applying the elements of the Board's Decision Making Guidelines, the conclusion that use of a medical device designed to produce visual ECG waveforms for the expressed purpose of determining PICC tip placement is within the scope of practice for the qualified RN, who has met the competency acquisition requirements of the employing organization.
4. Members reviewed S. Varghese and K. Ashe's previous distributed memo. Members were informed about the NCSBN Education Consultant call regarding updates to the Simulation and Transition to Practice Phase II studies. Copies of the *Journal of Nursing Regulation*, July 2014 Supplement on the NCSBN National Simulation Study were distributed to Board Members. Members were also informed of the New Administrators Orientation scheduled for November 14, 2014, with seventeen *Save the Date* invitations sent out.
5. None
6. Members reviewed D.M. DeVaux's and V. Iyawe's previously distributed report.
7. Board members reviewed K. Fishman's previously distributed report

ACTION:

- A. So noted.
- B. So noted.
- C. So noted.

TOPIC:

Consensus Agenda

- A. NCSBN Update
- B. Coalition for the Prevention of Medical Errors Update

DISCUSSION:

- A. Board members reviewed L. Talarico's previously distributed memo. Ms. Talarico highlighted NCSBN's report of a recent study published in *Nursing Outlook* that found that states that have laws providing for full practice of NPs have improved health outcomes in their communities. Study researchers found that barriers to advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) practice that prevent NPs from practicing to the full scope of their education can have a negative impact on hospitalizations of Medicare recipients and their health outcomes. E.R. Rothmund asked if the additional noted reported study finding that "One in Five Nurses Leave First Job Within a Year", published in *Policy, Politics & Nursing* cited a cause for this finding. The lead author of the study observed that there needs to be valid and reliable data based on a consistent definition of turnover in order to make an accurate measurement to address organizational work environments. C. Urena noted that, in her experience in long term care settings, nurses who have recently graduated and passed NCLEX leave employment in that setting to secure employment in acute care within 6-12 months.
- B. Board members received minutes from the August, 2014 meeting and the September, 2014 report from the Coalition for the Prevention of Medical Errors in their Board packets. M. Strachan asked if the report was available to the public on the Coalition web site. Ms. Talarico did not know and offered to contact the Coalition to determine this. Board members were reminded that the report is enclosed in the packet for their optional review.

ACTION:

- A. Accepted by consensus
- B. Accepted by consensus

TOPIC:

Pending Board Complaint: **In the Matter of R. Coan**, RN2263613, NUR-2013-0101. The Board's Manager of Nursing Investigations and Complaint Resolution Coordinator presented the Compliance Officer's previously distributed Investigation Report with CRC recommendations outlining the allegations reported, information obtained regarding the Licensee's practice related conduct, any corresponding mitigating and aggravating circumstances, and any remedial activities completed. Specifically, the CRC recommended that the information and documentation obtained during the investigation substantiated that the Licensee continued to practice as an RN in Massachusetts after his Massachusetts RN license expired on 11/18/2012 and until he renewed it online over four (4) months later on 4/2/2013, which was promptly after he was informed by the facility that his license was listed as expired on the Board's website. He also self reported the situation to the Board. The Licensee's MLO records were reviewed and showed that he had not timely renewed his Massachusetts RN license when it expired at the end of his previous RN renewal cycle on 11/18/10. Although requested orally and in writing, to date, the Licensee has not identified his nursing employment information for the period after 11/18/10 and until he renewed his RN license on 6/20/11. In addition, despite requests to the Licensee, he has not provided documentation substantiating his completion of fifteen (15) contact hours of continuing education during his 11/18/10 through 11/18/12 RN license renewal period (the CRC noted that he was not required to have completed continuing education for his RN license renewal on 11/18/10 since the Licensee had been originally licensed in Massachusetts as an RN on 12/8/09). The CRC also reported that on 10/2/14, a letter of profession recommendation of the Licensee was received from the Director of Medical and Nursing Services of a New York health care facility where the Licensee had been employed since 4/2013 as a contract nurse and on 5/30/2014 was hired as the Evening Nurse Manager. The CRC also noted that the CRC section should be corrected to state that the Licensee had been terminated from his nursing assignment in Massachusetts after the facility identified that he had not timely renewed Massachusetts nursing license.

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

Motion by S. Taylor, seconded by M. Beal and voted unanimously to adopt the CRC recommendations, and to notify the Licensee that *if within thirty (30) days* he provides the documentation designated below this complaint will be DISMISSED without prejudice with a *NON-DISCIPLINARY CAUTION* that all individuals engaged in nursing practice in Massachusetts are required to hold and maintain a current Massachusetts nursing license, among other requirements, and all nurses licensed by the Board are required to comply with the Board's regulations at 244 CMR 5.05 for retention of records verifying the nurse's completion of at least fifteen (15) contact hours of continuing education during each of the nurse's prior two (2) renewal cycles:

1. Documentation satisfactory to the Board substantiating that he was not engaged in nursing practice in Massachusetts anytime from 11/18/10 and until he renewed his RN license on 6/20/11.
2. Documentation acceptable to the Board substantiating that he has completed fifteen (15) contact hours of continuing education for his RN license renewal period 11/18/10-11/18/12.

Otherwise, refer the complaint to the Office of Prosecutions for issuance of an OTSC and adjudication. Alternatively, in final settlement of this matter the Licensee may be offered a STANDARD CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR REPRIMAND of his RN license.

TOPIC:

Practice

- A. Proposed revision to Advisory Ruling 9324: *Accepting, Verifying, Transcribing and Implementing Prescriber Orders*
- B. Proposed new Advisory Ruling 1401: *Enhancing the Disclosure of Unanticipated Outcomes*

DISCUSSION:

- A. Board members reviewed Ms. Talarico's previously distributed memo referencing proposed revisions to Advisory Ruling (AR) 9324: *Accepting, Verifying, Transcribing and Implementing Prescriber Orders* in which she reported that, based upon its review of a variety of data and information, the Nursing Practice Advisory Panel (NPAP) noted that:
 - 1. Issuance of and receipt of verbal/telephone orders is error prone and should be limited to emergency or similar situations for which the prescriber cannot be physically present and for which the receiver has the knowledge, skills and abilities to safely perform the activity;
 - 2. The AR lacks clarity related to the requirements for accepting, verifying, transcribing, and implementing prescriber orders as evidenced by the Board's continued receipt of inquiries for explanation;
 - 3. The AR lacks of definition for verbal/telephone orders, standing orders/protocols, pre-printed orders and electronic orders contributing to the lack of clarity for this AR;
 - 4. The AR does not address the nurse's obligation to question prescriber orders that an individual nurse determines to be unclear, inappropriate, inaccurate or incomplete;
 - 5. The AR does not address the role of the nurse when unlicensed persons transcribe prescriber orders;
 - 6. The AR does not specify that LPN and RN scope does not authorize nurses to prescribe, renew/refill, or extend a prescription that has expired;
 - 7. The AR does not address that medication orders, when appropriate, may be based upon specific laboratory diagnostic parameters with specifics for subsequent laboratory diagnostic testing (e.g., sliding scale insulin dosing, warfarin dosing); and
 - 8. The AR references are not current.

The NPAP recommended the Board:

- 1) Update the title of AR 9324 to *Accepting, Verifying, Transcribing and Implementing Prescriber Orders* to convey the scope of the AR.
- 2) Include the following concepts in Advisory Ruling 9324: *Accepting, Verifying, Transcribing and Implementing Medication Orders* to promote clarity and enhance evidence based practice by:
 - a) Including guidance for the activities of accepting, verifying, transcribing and implementing orders;
 - b) Defining verbal/telephone orders, standing orders/protocols, electronic orders and pre-printed order sets clarifying situations in which each can be used in a safe, effective manner;
 - c) Adding a statement acknowledging the nurse's obligation to question prescriber orders that an individual nurse determines to be unclear, inappropriate, inaccurate or incomplete;
 - d) Addressing the nurse's role when the employing organizations include procedures for transcription of prescriber orders by unlicensed persons;
 - e) Specifying that LPN and RN scope does not authorize nurses to prescribe, renew/refill, or extend a prescription that has expired;

- f) Adding a statement referencing that standing orders / protocols, when appropriate, include:
 - (1) specific medication dosing instructions based upon specific diagnostic biophysical marker parameters (e.g., laboratory testing, blood pressure reading, reported chest pain, signs and symptoms of overdose); and
 - (2) specifics for subsequent diagnostic biophysical marker follow-up to assess response to intervention;
 - g) Specifying that standing orders / protocols cannot authorize the nurse to:
 - (1) alter the standing order / protocol once initiated (e.g., independently initiate new medications);
 - (2) determine choice of intervention based upon a menu of medications or actions; and/or
 - (3) prescribe, renew/refill, or extend a prescription that has expired; and
 - h) Updating references.
- 3) Create a new standardized reference for all Advisory Rulings to include compliance with all nursing licensure and practice laws and regulations that states:
 The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing (Board) is created and authorized by Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) c. 13, ss. 13, 14, 14A, 15 and 15D, and G.L. c. 112, ss. 74 through 81C to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth through the regulation of nursing practice and education. In addition, M.G.L. c.30A, s. 8 authorizes the Board to make advisory rulings with respect to the applicability to any person, property or state of facts of any statute or regulation enforced or administered by the Board. Each nurse is required to practice in accordance with accepted standards of practice and is responsible and accountable for his or her nursing judgments, actions, and competency. The Board's regulation at 244 CMR 9.03(6) requires all nurses to comply with any other law and regulation related to licensure and practice.

Ms. Fein questioned whether or not the proposed revisions to this AR should include a specific reference to "site" of substance administration as a required element for inclusion in a complete medication order. Ms. Talarico responded that such specificity should not be included as "site" of substance administration may be contingent upon such factors as rotation of injection sites. AR 1301: *Cosmetic and Dermatologic Procedures* includes "site" as a required element for inclusion in an order for administration of substances used in cosmetic and dermatologic procedures because the nurse injector does not, independent of a duly authorized prescriber order, determine the site in which the substance is to be administered.

- B. Board members reviewed Ms. Talarico's previously distributed memo referencing proposed new AR 1401: *Enhancing the Disclosure of Unanticipated Outcomes* in which she reported that, based upon its review of a variety of data and information, the Nursing Practice Advisory Panel (NPAP) noted that:
- "Disclosure, Apology and Offer" (DA&O) is safety initiative based in part from the knowledge gained from various research, reports, and organizations whose mission is healthcare safety;
 - Organizations with a culture of safety encourage acknowledgement of error and actively attribute errors primarily to process or system failures. Research demonstrates that sharing lessons learned from error analysis is the best known method to mitigate or prevent future errors;
 - Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012, as part of Massachusetts payment reform legislation, amends M.G.L. Section 233 by adding Section 79L that includes adoption of a disclosure model¹. This law requires, in situations where a patient suffers an unanticipated outcome with significant medical complications resulting from the health care provider's mistake, that the health care provider, facility, or an employee or agent of a health care provider fully inform the patient and, when appropriate, the patient's family, about the unanticipated outcome. Licensed nurses,

¹ <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2012/Chapter224> accessed 7-3-14
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including advanced practice registered nurses, are included as health care providers subject to this law; and

- Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012 at section 260 specifies that the Board of Registration in Nursing may promulgate regulations “relative to the education and training of advanced practice nurses authorized to practice under section 80B of chapter 112 of the General Laws, in the early disclosure of adverse events including, but not limited to, continuing education requirements”.²

The recommendation to the Board from the NPAP is to issue AR 1401: *Enhancing the Disclosure of Unanticipated Outcomes* to promote effective disclosure of unanticipated outcomes to patients and their families by licensed nurses and advanced practice registered nurses when applicable under M.G.L chapter 233, section 79L, and the policies of the employing facility.

ACTION:

- A. Motion by B. Levin, seconded by M. Beal, and unanimously voted to approve recommendations and amend AR 9324: *Accepting, Verifying, Transcribing and Implementing Prescriber Orders* accordingly
- B. Motion by P. Gales, seconded by B. Levin, and unanimously voted to issue proposed new AR 1401: *Enhancing the Disclosure of Unanticipated Outcomes* in accordance with the NPAP findings and recommendations

TOPIC:

Education

- A. 244 CMR 6.04(1)(c) and (1)(f) Administrative Changes
 - 1. Assabet Valley Regional Vocational School
 - 2. Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School
 - 3. Berkshire Community College PN
 - 4. Boston College Connell School of Nursing RN
 - 5. MassBay Community College RN
 - 6. Middlesex Community College RN
- B. 244 CMR 6.06(2) Onsite Survey Waiver Requests
 - 1. Bristol Community College Associate Degree RN
 - 2. Lawrence Memorial/Regis Associate Degree RN
 - 3. Quinsigamond Community College Associate Degree RN
 - 4. Northern Essex Community College PN
 - 5. Northern Essex Community College Associate Degree RN

DISCUSSION:

- A. Members reviewed Ms. Varghese’s previously distributed memo.
- B. Members reviewed Ms. Varghese’s and Ms. Ashe’s previously distributed compliance and accreditation-related reports. The program administrator for each program was present and available to respond to Board member questions.

ACTION:

- A. K. Gehly recused herself from all discussion and action in this matter and left the room. Motion by S. Taylor, seconded by J. Killian, and unanimously voted to:
 - a. Find compliance with regulation 244 CMR 6.04(1)(f) in the notification of the appointment:
 - Mary Jo Nawrocki, Interim Superintendent-Director, Assabet Valley Regional Vocational School

² Ibid.

- Tammy Lajoie, Acting Superintendent-Director, Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School; and
- b. Find compliance with regulation 244 CMR 6.04(1) (c) & (1)(f) in the notification of the appointment of:
 - Elizabeth Kassel, MSN, RN, Interim Department Chair (Program Administrator), Practical Nursing Program, Berkshire Community College
 - Sean P. Clarke, PhD, FAAN, RN, Associate Dean (Program Administrator), Undergraduate Programs, Boston College
 - Patti-Ann Collins, DNP, MSN, Director of Nursing (Program Administrator), Associate Degree Nursing Program, Massachusetts Bay Community College
 - Sandra Shapiro, PhD(c), MSN, RN, CNE, Department Chair (Program Administrator), Associate Degree Nursing Program, Middlesex Community College

B. 244 CMR 6.06(2) Onsite Survey Waiver Requests

1. Motion by S. Taylor, B. Levin seconding the motion; and unanimously voted to grant a waiver of 244 CMR 6.06(1) (a) to the Bristol Community College Associate Degree nursing program based on review of the findings and recommendations of the Accrediting Commission for Nursing Education (ACEN) and the Program's Annual Report to the Board, with recommendations:

1. Due on October 1, 2015, a progress report outlining compliance with the ACEN recommendations, including:
 - a. The Follow-Up Report as submitted to ACEN
 - b. Evidence the evaluation plan emphasizes the ongoing assessment and evaluation of the student learning outcomes, the program outcomes and ACEN standards [ref: to 244 CMR 6.04(1)(e)].
 - c. The expected levels of achievement in the evaluation plan are consistently specific and measurable [ref: to 244 CMR 6.04(1)(e)].
 - d. There is evidence that aggregated evaluation findings inform program decision-making [ref: to 244 CMR 6.04(1)(e)].
 - e. There is evidence the graduates demonstrate achievement of competencies appropriate to role preparation (ref: 244 CMR 6.04(3)(b) and (4) (b)].
 - f. To enhance the integrity of the nursing program, work with the Dean of Health Sciences and the Vice President of Human Resources to develop and implement a tool for part-time faculty evaluation[ref: to 244 CMR 6.04(1)(e)].
2. Written evidence of the action taken by the ACEN Board of Commissioners, following review of the Follow-Up Report, with continued accreditation of the nursing program with the next evaluation visit scheduled for spring 2021, or denying continuing accreditation. The findings of the ACEN Board of Commissioners will be reported to the Board within 30 days of receipt by the nursing program administrator.

2. Motion by P.Gales, seconded by R. Rothmund, and unanimously voted to grant waiver of 244 CMR 6.06(1)(a) to the Lawrence Memorial/Regis College nursing program based on the findings and recommendations of the Accrediting Commission for Nursing Education, and the Program's Annual Reports to the Board.

3. Motion by J. Killion, seconded by Pat Gales and unanimously voted to grant waiver a of 244 CMR 6.06(1)(a) based on review of the findings and recommendations of Accrediting Commission for Nursing Education, and Program's Annual Report to the Board, with recommendations: Demonstrate full compliance with regulation 244 CMR 6.04(1)(g) as evidenced by submission of a revised written policy for the maintenance and retirement of the school, faculty, student and graduate records which includes but may not be limited to a list of all contents of faculty and student files, and student financial aid records as well as the implementation by faculty of a plan to ensure the policy's implementation as it is published. Submission due by no later than then end of the 2014-2015 academic year (May 28, 2015).

4. Motion by Barbara Levin, seconded by Ann Marie Peckam, and unanimously passed to grant waiver of 244 CMR 6.06(1)(a) to Northern Essex Community College, Practical Nursing Program based on review of the findings and recommendations of Accrediting Commission for Nursing Education (ACEN), and Program's Annual Report to the Board, with recommendations: Demonstrate full compliance with regulation 244 CMR 6.04(1)(g) as evidenced by the program's Follow-Up report to the ACEN Board of Commissioners in the Spring 2015 Accreditation Cycle by February 15, 2015. If the Follow-Up Report is accepted by the ACEN Commissioners, the next evaluation visit will be scheduled for Spring 2021. The report must include documentary evidence of the development and implementation of a Systematic Evaluation Plan for all components of the program. The evaluation shall include the measurement of the outcomes of the program. The results of the evaluation shall be used for the development, maintenance and revision of the program, [ref: 244 CMR 6.04(1)(e)].

5. Motion by Barbara Levin, seconded by Ann Marie Peckam, and unanimously passed to grant waiver of 244 CMR 6.06(1)(a) to Northern Essex Community College, Associate Degree Program based on review of the findings and recommendations of Accrediting Commission for Nursing Education (ACEN), and Program's Annual Report to the Board, with recommendations: Demonstrate full compliance with regulation 244 CMR 6.04(1)(g) as evidenced by the program's Follow-Up report to the ACEN Board of Commissioners in the Fall 2015 Accreditation Cycle by October 1, 2015. If the Follow-Up Report is accepted by the ACEN Commissioners, the next evaluation visit will be scheduled for Spring 2021. The report must include documentary evidence of the development and implementation of a Systematic Evaluation Plan for all components of the program. The evaluation shall include the measurement of the outcomes of the program. The results of the evaluation shall be used for the development, maintenance and revision of the program, [ref: 244 CMR 6.04(1)(e)].

TOPIC:

Licensure Policy 06-01: Board-designated Tests of English Proficiency and Required Minimum Cuts Scores: Proposed Revision

DISCUSSION:

Members discussed Ms. Silveira's previously distributed memo proposing the Board identify the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) as a Board-designated test of English proficiency and that it adopt the National Council of State Boards of Nursing-recommended minimum total pass score of 81 and a speaking section score of 3. Board member, S. Taylor, noting her analysis of Test of English as a Foreign Language scores of non-English speaking students at Brockton Hospital School of Nursing, expressed her concern that since the MELAB total pass score is an average of the writing, listening and reading sections – each of which is individually scored – a test-taker could potentially achieve the total pass score of 81 while performing poorly in one of the three individually scored sections.

ACTION:

Motion by P. Gales, seconded by M. Beal, and unanimously passed to defer action until 11/12/14 to enable Ms. Silveira to obtain additional information from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing regarding its evaluation of the individual and total test scores during the standard setting process.

TOPIC:

Flex Session

A. Announcements

B. Topics for Next Agenda

DISCUSSION:

K. Gehly, on behalf of the Board of Registration in Nursing's members, congratulated C. Tebaldi on her upcoming nuptials.

ACTION:

None

TOPIC:

G.L. c.30A, §21 Executive Session

DISCUSSION:

None

ACTION:

Motion by B. Levin, seconded by P. Gales, and unanimously passed by roll call vote to go into Executive Session at 10:00 a.m. as per Purpose One of G.L. c.30A, §21 (a)(1).

G.L. c. 30A, § 21 Executive Session 10:03 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.

Recess 10:55 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

TOPIC:

Adjudicatory Session

DISCUSSION:

None

ACTION:

Motion by E.R. Rothmund, seconded by B. Levin, and unanimously passed by roll call vote to go into Adjudicatory Session at 11:15 a.m. to discuss decisions in pending adjudicatory matters.

Adjudicatory Session 11:15 a.m. to 11:21 a.m.

TOPIC:

G.L. c. 112, s. 65C Session

DISCUSSION:

None

ACTION:

Motion by P. Gales, seconded by J. Killion, and unanimously passed by roll call vote to go into G.L. c. 112, s. 65C Session at 11:22 a.m. to discuss negotiated settlements of complaints.

TOPIC:

Adjournment

DISCUSSION:

None

ACTION:

Motion by M. Beal, seconded by J. Killion, and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 12:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rula Harb".

Rula Harb, MS, RN, Executive Director
Board of Registration in Nursing

Agenda with exhibits list attached

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

**NOTICE OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN NURSING**

October 8, 2014

**239 Causeway Street ~ Room 417 A&B
Boston, Massachusetts 02114**

PRELIMINARY AGENDA AS OF 10/2/2014 12:46 PM

Estimated Time	#	Item	Exhibits	Presented by
9:00 a.m.	I.	1. CALL TO ORDER & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM	None	
	II.	APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Agenda	
	III.	APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES A. Draft Minutes for the September 10, 2014 Meeting of the Board of Registration in Nursing, Regular Session	Minutes	
	IV.	REPORTS A. Executive Director's Report B. Staff Report 1. Deputy Executive Director 2. Policy and Research 3. Practice 4. Education 5. Complaint Resolution 6. SARP 7. Probation Monitor	Report Report Report Report None Report Quarterly Report	RH CR CS LT SV/KA VI/DM KF
	V.	CONSENSUS AGENDA A. NCSBN Update B. Coalition for the Prevention of Medical Errors Update	Memo August 2014 Minutes and September 2014 Report	LT LT
	VI.	COMPLAINT RESOLUTION A. R. Coen, RN2263613, NUR-2013-0101	Investigation Report	MEM/ASF
	VII.	PRACTICE A. Proposed Advisory Ruling 1401: <i>Enhancing the Disclosure of Unanticipated Outcomes</i> B. Proposed revisions to Advisory Ruling 9324: <i>Accepting, Verifying, Transcribing and Implementing Prescriber Orders</i>	Memo Memo	LT LT

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	VIII.	EDUCATION B. 244 CMR 6.04(1)(c) and (1)(f) Administrative Changes 1. Assabet Valley Regional Vocational School 2. Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School 3. Berkshire Community College PN 4. Boston College Connell School of Nursing RN 5. MassBay Community College Associate Degree RN 6. Middlesex Community College Associate Degree RN C. 244 CMR 6.06(2) Onsite Survey Waiver Requests 1. Bristol Community College Associate Degree RN 2. Lawrence Memorial/Regis Associate Degree RN 3. Quinsigamond Community College Associate Degree RN 4. Northern Essex Community College PN 5. Northern Essex Community College Associate Degree RN C. Licensure Policy 06-01: Board-designated Tests of English Proficiency and Required Minimum Cut Scores: Proposed Revision	Memo Compliance & Accreditation-related Reports Ibid Ibid Ibid Memo	SV KA KA KA SV SV CS
	IX.	REQUESTS FOR LICENSE REINSTATEMENT None		
	X.	FLEX SESSION A. Announcements B. Topics for Next Agenda		
9:45 a.m.	XI.	EXECUTIVE SESSION The Board will meet in Executive Session as authorized pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, § 21(a)(1) for the purpose of discussing the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual. 1. Specifically, the Board will discuss and evaluate the Good Moral Character as required for registration for pending applicants. 2. Specifically, the Board will discuss and evaluate the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of licensees relevant to their petitions for license status change. 3. Approval of prior executive session minutes in accordance with M.G.L. ch.30A, § 22(f) for sessions held during the September 8, 2014 meeting.	CLOSED SESSION	

Estimated Time	#	Item	Exhibits	
11:45 a.m.	XII.	ADJUDICATORY SESSION (M.G.L. c. 30A, § 18)	CLOSED SESSION	
		LUNCH		
12:30 a.m.	XIII.	M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C SESSION	CLOSED SESSION	
3:00 p.m.	XIV.	ADJOURNMENT		